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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

January 13, 2017

Mr. Bryce Feighner, Chief
 Office of Drinking Water & Municipal Assistance
 Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
 Constitution Hall
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 Lansing, MI 48909-7973

Re: Draft Michigan Drinking Water Program Review Report

Dear Bryce:


During the week of April 4-8, 2016, EPA personnel spent considerable time in MDEQ's Lansing office to conduct an on-site review of the State of Michigan's drinking water program. The purpose of the program review was to assess the drinking water program's quality and effectiveness, to stimulate program planning and improvement, and to encourage program development in directions that continue to reflect the purpose of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The program review is a systematic process of reviewing a state's drinking water program implementation, including the collection, analysis, and interpretation of data, that results in recommendations designed to improve a state's drinking water program.

Under the SDWA and federal drinking water regulations, EPA regularly reviews state drinking water programs in those states that have primacy for the administration and enforcement of primary drinking water regulations and requirements applicable to public water systems within the state. EPA's 2016 review of MDEQ's drinking water program included a File Review; a detailed review of the implementation of the lead regulations under the Michigan Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) throughout the State and in Flint; and an Enforcement Verification.

The draft program review report is enclosed for MDEQ's review and comment. While we welcome any free-standing comments, you may also use "track changes" to provide us with comments, proposed alternative language, etc. Please submit your written comments via e-mail to Mr. Tom Poy of my office within two weeks of the date of receipt of this letter.

On behalf of EPA, I would like to thank you and your staff for the cooperation shown to the program review team while on-site and in follow-up to the visit. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or have your staff contact Mr. Poy at 312-886-5991 or poy.thomas@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ch. Korleski", written in a cursive style.

Christopher Korleski
Director, Water Division

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